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SECTION: Eligibility & Benefit Determination

SUBJECT: Deductions (Shelter)

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INTRODUCTION: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) clarified the standard utility allowance is allowed as a deduction when a space heater is the primary source of heat.

POLICY CHANGE: SNAP 602-4 Page 7 under **MANDATORY UTILITY ALLOWANCES** replace the first **NOTE** with the following:

NOTE: Cooling costs are electricity expenses required to operate conditioner (window or central unit) and do not include window fans. Space heaters do not entitle households to the SUA unless it is their only source of heat.

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